

Caine Woods Community Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

November 2013

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Message from CWCA President Dennis Dare

The summer season may be over, but the activities in Caine Woods continue and we have plans to make 2014 even better.

The Town of Ocean City has started construction of a new wastewater pumping facility at 14106 Dukes Avenue, with an anticipated completion

date of May 1. Details on this can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you have not renewed your CWCA membership, please take a moment to do so. As a member, you can receive the email notifications of important events in our neighborhood in a timely manner. And encourage your neighbors who

are not members to join so that they, too, can be well informed.

If you have any questions or concerns about our neighborhood, please do not hesitate to contact me or other board members. We are here to help!

I hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving and a joyful holiday season.

Caine Woods Christmas caroling, Christmas party Dec. 4

All are welcome to share the Christmas spirit Wednesday, Dec. 4, and join our group of carolers as we ride around Caine Woods in a bus provided by the Town of Ocean City.

Carolers will meet at the Elks Club on 138th Street in OC at 6:30 p.m. to sign in and pick up song sheets and candles. The bus will leave at 7 p.m. and return at about 8 p.m.

The Christmas party begins when the carolers return at 8 p.m. and continues until 10 p.m. The Elks will serve a variety of food including pizza, chicken and fish, and each member will receive two tickets for a beverage.

Desserts are welcomed; please list the ingredients in case someone may be allergic to any of the ingredients.

The CWCA will help collect money and toys for the Ocean City Police Department's holiday toy drive. Please bring new, unwrapped toys and/or a check payable to Santa House Inc. to the caroling party. Cash will also be accepted.

If you cannot attend the party, please consider mailing a check payable to Santa House Inc. and send it to CWCA, P.O. Box 4681, Ocean City, MD 21843 by Dec. 3. If you haven't paid your CWCA dues for 2014, you can mail your dues and a check for the OCPD toy drive in the same envelope.

CWCA seeks charity organization

Each year, the CWCA selects a local charity and then raises money through the year to donate to that organization. The CWCA officers and board members are currently seeking proposals from local charities that would like to be considered for our 2014 fund-raising efforts.

The 2013 charity, St. Peter's Lutheran Church Open Kettle Soup Kitchen, just received a donation of \$4,100. Since 2009, we have raised more than \$19,000 and donated to the Message of

Hope Cancer Fund (\$4,300), the Cricket Center (\$3,700), the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program (\$4,700) and Believe in Tomorrow (\$2,353).

If you know of a non-profit organization that would like to be considered, please call Dennis Dare at 410-250-1650 or email cainewoods@verizon.net. The deadline for applications is Jan. 15.

CWCA election results

At the Aug. 24 end-of-summer picnic, the general membership voted to approve the 2013-2014 slate of officers, as follows:

President: Dennis Dare. Vice-President: Joe Kostelac. Secretary: Monica Martin. Corresponding Secretary: Julie Valcourt. Treasurer: Tonja Sas. Immediate Past-President: Lloyd Martin.

Board of Directors: Howard Caplan, Elizabeth Dare, Irene Hansen, Judy Holler, Mary Ann LeMay, Barbara Schmitt, Rosalie Stuller, Donna Umbel.

Contact email addresses and telephone numbers can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

If you see something, say something

Just a reminder that if you see a streetlight that is burned out, grass that is overgrown, grafitti — anything in our neighborhood that is a concern to you, please call any of the members of the CWCA board of directors. They can help!

OCPD will monitor your property while you're away

If you are a year-round resident and plan on being away from home for a while, you can subscribe to the Ocean City Police Department's residential security check program. Call the OCPD at 410-723-6610 for more information.

Update from Delmarva Power

In January 2013, Delmarva Power received a conditional use from the Town of Ocean City to expand its 138th Street Substation for installation of a static var compensator (SVC) to improve electric service reliability throughout Ocean City. Construction began soon after the approval and is progressing ahead of schedule. The original in-service date was January 2014, but the company anticipates completion very soon.

The SVC is similar to a booster pump that helps keep the electrical pressure (voltage) constant across the Delmarva Power system. Regional grid operator PJM Interconnection determined that the SVC is necessary to ensure electric stability by eliminating voltage fluctuations during times of high demand or system disturbances and maintaining a stronger, sustainable and more consistent flow of energy to the area.

Features of the \$26 million project include a 15-foot decorative wall, irrigated vegetation around the substation perimeter and low-profile SVC equipment.

As part of its conditional use, within 60 days of the SVC being operational, Delmarva Power will issue a sound and magnetic level report to the Ocean City Planning Commission and to all property owners within 300 feet of the substation. The report will include measurements taken from each adjacent property.

Delmarva Power will also issue biannual reports in January and July every year thereafter. Phase optimization was performed in conjunction with the project to reduce magnetic field levels.

To improve electric reliability in Ocean City, the SVC will maintain acceptable, stable voltage levels; control voltage swings during times of peak demand, especially in the summer; control high voltages during times of light load; prevent voltage dips; prevent voltage collapse.

Questions about the project can be referred to Delmarva Power Senior Public Affairs Manager Jim Smith at jim. a.smith2@delmarva.com or at 410-860-6366.

'Flushable wipes' can clog sewer system

They are advertised as being safe for toilets, but so-called "flushable wipes" can cause problems once they reach the rest of the sewer system. Some brands of these items don't readily degrade like toilet paper does, and thus can clog the collection system that takes the waste stream to Ocean City's wastewater treatment facility. This could lead to sewage backups in residences or overflow into the environment.

Welcome to our newest members!

The CWCA is always looking for new members. If your neighbors are not members, encourage them to go to our website, www. cainewoodsoc.org, to view the newsletter and calendar of events. Invite them to join the association for just \$20 per year and describe all the benefits that go along with membership.

We welcome our newest members:

- Lisa and Bruce Laucks, Kelly Road.
- Cindy and Mark Melanson, 143rd Street.
- Madelyn and Michael Morgan, 141st Street.
- Concetta and Thomas Mullen, 141st Street.
- Danica Petroshius and Greg Whitsell, Seaweed Lane.



Wastewater construction project under way on Dukes Avenue

Bearing Construction Inc., a contractor hired by the Town of Ocean City, has begun construction of a new wastewater pumping facility at 14106 Dukes Avenue. The anticipated completion date is May 1.

As part of the project, the site will be dewatered to allow installation of a new sanitary sewer collection structure. The groundwater removed during this process has a marshy odor but is not sewage!

Work will take place weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The dewatering system will operate 24 hours a day for about eight weeks. A sound-deadening enclosure will be in place to keep noise at a minimum.

Caine Woods Community Association Budget 2013-2014

Revenues

Guest Donations	\$ 200.00
Interest Income	300.00
Membership Dues	6,000.00
Newsletter Advertising	700.00
Transfer from Savings	1,450.00
Total Revenues	\$ 8,650.00

Expenses

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Beautification	\$ 250.00
Caroling Party	700.00
Charitable Donations:	
Fire Department	400.00
Paramedics Foundation	200.00
End-of-Summer Picnic	1,200.00
Gift and Flowers Expenses	150.00
June Bull Roast	1,500.00
Special Purchases for Picnics	550.00
Liability Insurance	1,400.00
National Night Out	800.00
Newsletter Costs	600.00
Office Supplies	150.00
Advertising	50.00
Postage/PO Box	250.00
Special Event Expenses	100.00
Spring Clean-Up	250.00
Total Expenses	8 8,650.00

National Night Out





Thank you to all of you that came and helped at National Night Out at Fiesta Park on Aug. 6!

Howard Caplan, Jack Taylor and Lloyd Martin were the better-thangreat cooks. And thanks to Dennis and Liz Dare, Mary Ann LeMay, Ann Gough and her wonderful grandchildren, Julie Valcourt, Monica Martin and all the other servers!

More than 150 attended the event, including neighbors, city officials and members of the OC Police Department.

— Tonja Sas









The history of Caine Woods: Part IV

Fiesta Park gazebo: The saga continues

Our last story on the history of Caine Woods ended when a gazebo purchased in 1988 for Fiesta Park ended up going to Northside Park.

A news article of Sept. 16, 1988, said that the fate of the proposed picnic shelter was in the hands of Caine Woods Association.

"Ocean City Council decided to delay plans for a 20-foot by 30-foot picnic shelter to be located on the west perimeter of the park facing Fiesta Road



Northside Park picnic shelter

until nearby residents make their desires clear."

According to Tom Perlozzo, then director of recreation and parks, an alternative location was chosen because residents thought rowdy teenagers would congregate after dark if the shelter was in the center of the park.

"If the shelter had been placed in the center of the park, additional trees would have to be cut down," Perlozzo said. "Cutting down trees would defeat the purpose of the park, which is to preserve the natural aspect of the area."

The other reason to move the gazebo had to do with economics. The location in the center of the park was the lowest point and would require extensive fill. To keep costs down, the gazebo was placed at the edge of the wooded area.

Also, it was agreed to use a commercially-made structure rather than a constructed one.

The news story continues, "The City Council will leave it up to the association, which contributed a majority of the funds to be used for the gazebo, to choose where it will go."

So, it wasn't until 2007 that the current gazebo and bathroom/storage rooms were built.

The photos show the original purchased shelter in Northside Park and the current gazebo in Fiesta Park.

— Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian



Gazebo at Fiesta Park

End-of-Summer Picnic

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013

Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped out!

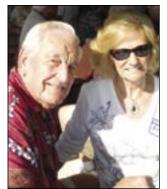


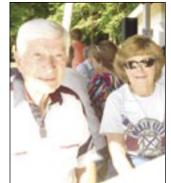




















































CWCA charity crab feast raises \$4,100



More than 250 hungry diners attended the fifth annual charity crab feast at Higgins Crab House on 129th Street on Sept. 21. The crab feast was the final fund-raiser of the year for the CWCA's selected charity, St. Peter's Lutheran Church Open Kettle Soup Kitchen. Over the past year, we raised \$4,100 for the Open Kettle program.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out!

Special thanks to those who provided prizes and other donations: Higgins Crab House, Bayville Liquors, Donna Umbel, Primo Hoagies, 7-Eleven 120th Street, Peaky's Restaurant, Brewski Brothers, Mio Fratello and Jules Restaurant.

(left) Caine Woods Community Association board members present a donation of \$4,100 at Higgins North to the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Open Kettle: CWCA Special Events Committee chairman Joe Kostelac; Carmen Straccione of Higgins Crab House; CWCA board member Mary Ann LeMay; John Mead of Higgins Crab House; CWCA officers Monica Martin and Lloyd Martin; Joyce Tillbery of St. Peter's; CWCA board member Irene Hansen.

Committee Reports

Board of directors meetings

All association members are invited and encouraged to attend the CWCA board of directors meetings, which are held at the Tiburon Condominium meeting room on 141st Street between Sand Dune and North Ocean roads at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month except November and December.

If a change occurs, a note will be posted on the Tiburon meeting room door.

Historian

As official historian of the Caine Woods Community Association, Mary Ann LeMay maintains the historical records of the CWCA and will provide articles for the newsletter on the neighborhood's beginnings.

If you have any relevant documents or photographs, please call Mary Ann at 410-250-4688 or email rhlandmal@aol.com.

Membership Committee

When renewing your membership, please include your email address. We would like to keep you informed of activities, alert you if there is a concern in the neighborhood, and send this newsletter electronically unless you opt out.

If you change your email address, please let us know at cainewoods@verizon.net.

We respect your privacy and send all emails as "bcc," so no names or email addresses can be seen by recipients.

Hospitality Committee welcomes new residents

Barbara Schmitt of the Hospitality Committee calls upon new residents to welcome them to our neighborhood and to give them a collection of goodies donated by local businesses, along with a CWCA newsletter. She also explains the benefits of joining the association and describes the many activities that go along with membership. If you know of a new neighbor, please contact Barbara at 410-250-0670 or email her at auntbeau@msn.com.

The cost of a membership is \$20 per year. That entitles members to admission to the annual bull roast/picnic, National Night Out and the end-of-summer picnic, with food and beverages provided.

Also, there is Christmas caroling followed by a party at the Elks Lodge, three newsletters per year and the opportunity to tell the board of directors about neighborhood concerns and suggestions.

Members also receive timely notifications by email regarding important events (hurricanes, road repairs, etc.) in the community.

Sunshine Committee

Donna Umbel of the Sunshine Committee sends out cards to those experiencing both good and bad times — a birth, graduation or other special occasion, and in the event of an illness or death. We know that these attempts to reach out are appreciated when we receive a note of thanks in response. We also send cards to members going into a nursing home or moving out of the area, to let them know that we will miss them.

If you know of anyone experiencing a happy or sad event in their life, contact Donna Umbel at 410-250-5778 or jajaumbel@gmail. com and she will send a card.

Our condolences to the families of Jerome Dolicka and Luis Granados. Lou was CWCA president from 1986 to 1989.

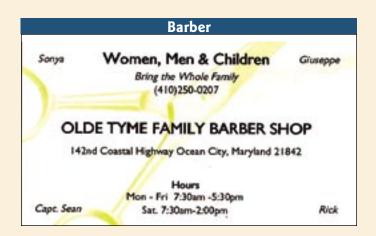
Get-well/thinking-of-you wishes were sent to Annette Colantuoni, Dennis Dare, Tom Hannon, Josie Hoffman, Eleanor McDonald, Laura Perry and Tonja Sas.

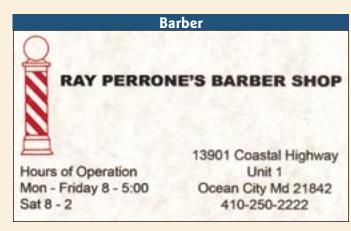
Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee always welcomes any volunteers who might like to help by plucking weeds or watering flower beds nearby. If you are interested, please call or email Rosalie Stuller, 410-250-5224; rstuller66@yahoo.com.

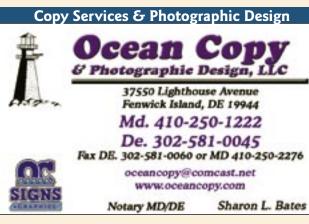
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Mailing Address:			
Caine Woods Address: (If Different)			, Ocean City, MD 2184.
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Home Services

Home Improvement Remodeling Roofing & Siding Electrical

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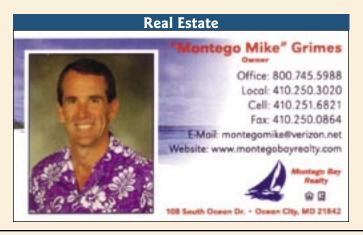
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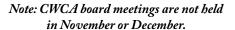
The cost is \$30 for CWCA members; \$50 for non-members. Mail a check, payable to the CWCA, to P.O. Box 4681, Ocean City, MD 21842-4681. The newsletter is published in March, July and November.

Already an advertiser?

Please note that the deadline to renew your ad is Jan. 1. If you have a new business card, send a scan to liz1650@msn.com or mail it to Elizabeth Dare, 14139 Sea Captain Road, Ocean City, MD 21842.

For more information, call or email Irene Hansen at 410-250-1154 or iah317@aol.com.

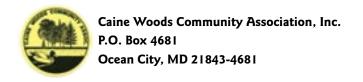
CWCA Events 2013-2014



- **Dec. 4:** Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.
- Jan. 22: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Feb. 26:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- March 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- March 26: CWCA board meeting,
 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- April 12: Fiesta Park spring clean-up, 10 a.m.

- **April 23:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- May 28: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- June 21: Bull roast, noon-3 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 22.
- June 25: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- July 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- July 12: Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 13.
- **July 23:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.

- Aug. 5: National Night Out, 6-8 p.m., Fiesta Park.
- Aug. 23: End-of-summer picnic, general membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park.
- **Aug. 27:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Sept. 20:** Charity special event, to be announced.
- **Sept. 24:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Oct. 22: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Nov. 1 (approximate):** Newsletter mailing.



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Please contact any officer or director with any information or concerns you may have, especially information that should be shared with CWCA members.